REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Election of Group I, claims 1-13, is affirmed. In the amendment presented hereinabove, claim 14 is amended to depend from claim 1. It is requested that, if the subject matter of claim 1 is found allowable, claims 14-27 be rejoined and allowed.

The claims are rejected as anticipated by Tsubaki et al. (US 2004/0037978) or obvious over Tsubaki et al. in view of Katoh et al.

The present application claims priority of JP 2002-324623 as of November 8, 2002. This greatly predates either of these references. Therefore, applicants are enclosing a sworn English translation of the priority application in order to predate these references. Support can be found for most of the present claims on pages 1-3 of the translation which shows the claims from the priority application. In addition, attention is directed to the disclosure at page 24; page 26; pages 7-10; and other portions. Attention is also directed to the examples of preparation on pages 15-20.

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Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the application are therefore respectfully requested.

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